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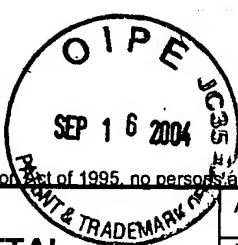
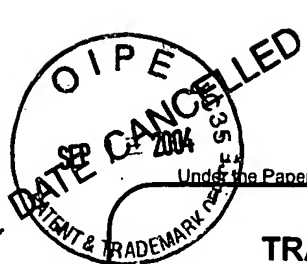
This is the first amendment to the identified application, in response to the Office Action from the Examiner, mailed July 14, 2003, and is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for response set forth in the Office Action.

Please amend Claim 1 of the application as indicated in the Listing Of Claims appended to this document as a part of this first amendment.

REMARKS

In this response to the first Office Action in the application, Claim 1 has been amended, no claims have been added, and no claims have been cancelled. Claims 1 through 21 remain pending in the application. A complete Listing Of Claims is appended.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 14 through 21. The Examiner objected to Claims 2 through 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but noted that the subject matter of those claims is allowable, and that those claims would be allowable if rewritten to include



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Pursuant to Rule 1.10, I, the undersigned Attorney for the Applicant, do hereby certify and declare, subject to penalty of perjury, that Applicant's First Amendment in the above-noted patent application was properly mailed, with postage prepaid, to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the 16th day of September, 2004, by Express Mail, Receipt Number EU 836226396 US.


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